(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of incomming and outgoing flights from Hubli Airport daily and the amount spent on the staff and maintenance every month;

(d) whether there is any proposal to reintroduce Vaydudot flights to Hubli; and

(e) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURSIM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (e). Due to commercial and operational reasons the three weekly service to Hubli was discontinued, in January, 1990. There is no proposal to restore the service. No expenditure is inccurred on staff and maintenanced as the staff have been withdrawn from there.

[*Translation*]

Study on Power Saving

5159. SHRI JAGMIT SINGH.
SHRIMATI RITA VERMA:
SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR (DEEPA)
SHRI RAAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a study conducted by Government, country can save upto Rs 750 lakh in the energy sector,

(b) if so, the details of the study and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the house.

[*English*]

Energy Deficits

5160. DR. AMRIT LAL KALIDAS PATEL: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state the action taken by the Government to reduce energy deficit of eight per cent during April, 1991 to October, 1991 in the country as a whole and Gujarat in particular ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): Various measures being taken to improve the availability of power in the country include expediting commissioning of new generating capacity, implementation of short gestation projects, improving the performance of existing power stations, reduction of Transmission and Distribution losses implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures and arranging transport of energy from surplus to deficit areas. These measures are also being followed up in Gujarat.

[*Translation*]

Post Offices in districts of Uttar Pradesh

5161 SHRI DEVEI BUX SINGH
SHRI RATILAL VERMA

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of post offices opened in the Unnao and Ghaziabad dis-

tricts of Uttar Pradesh during 1991;

(b) whether there is any scheme with the government for the expansion of post offices in these districts during 1992-93; and

(c) if so, the number of villages in the districts proposed to be covered?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) During the year 1991, total number of post offices opened in Unnao and Ghaziabad districts of Uttar Pradesh is 11 and 7 respectively.

(b) and (c). Expansion of postal network is envisaged during the year 1992-93. It is, however, not feasible to give details in this regard as the Annual Plan targets for 1992-93 have not been finalised.

New Tourism Policy

5162. SHRI ARVIND NETAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a new tourism policy; and

(b) if so, by what time the policy is likely to be declared?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURSIM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). An Action Plan on Tourism is being finlised.

Irrigation projects in Bihar

5163. SHRIMATI RITA VERMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of major and medium irrigation projects in Bihar approved by the Union Government during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) the details of the projects still pending with the Union Government for approval alongwith the reasons thereof; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) While no major or medium irrigation project was accorded investment clearnace during the Seventh Five year Plan, Advisory Committee had considered two major and four medium irrigation projects and found them acceptable subject to compliance by the State Government of the observations of the appraising agencies.

(b) On the five major projects at the Centre for appraisal namely, Sukhsenaghat pump canal, Kosi project phase-II, Gandak project phase II, zamania pump canal and Burhai reservoir project, the state Government is required to comply with observations of appraising agencies

(c) The clearance of the project depends upon how soon the state Government complies with the observations of central apprasing agencies, obtains environmental and forest clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests and clearance form the Ministry of Welfare in respect of rehabilitation and resettlement plans, if it involves scheduled castes/Tribes population.

[*English*]

Price of Cast Iron Spun Pipes

5164. SHRI RUPCHAND PAL:
SHRI SUDARSAN RAY CHADHAURI:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state: